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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/811,098 filed 03/25/04
Applicant: Richard Watson
Title: **LIQUID APPLICATION SYSTEM**
Group Art Unit: 3751
Attorney Docket No. 21742.NP

Sir/Madam:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement. Enclosed also are the following designated documents, as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

- ☒ Form PTO-1449 list of 27 references submitted for consideration.
- ☐ Legible copies of the listed references or their relevant portions.
- ☐ Legible copies of the listed non-patent documents and foreign documents or their relevant portions are included.
- ☒ Copies of U.S. patents and/or publications are not included pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice, dated Aug. 5, 2003, waiving the requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i).
- ☐ All English translations of each non-English reference, if any, within the possession, custody, control or availability of anyone designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(c)).

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- ☐ Statement that certain listed references not enclosed were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in prior application no. _____, filed on _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

In order to secure consideration of the items designated above, one or more of the following, if required, is also enclosed:

- ☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) or (2).
- ☐ Check No. _____, which includes the amount of \$0.00 (amount in § 1.17(p)) constituting the submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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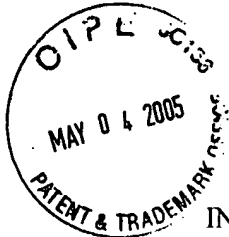
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I hereby certify that this paper or fee (along with any paper or fee referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). Applicant respectfully submits that this Information Disclosure Statement is filed pursuant to:

☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b)(1) or (3), within three months of the filing date of the application, or before a first office action on the merits, whichever occurs last;

☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c), after a first office action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance, whichever occurs first, and is accompanied by either 1) a statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), or 2) the fee set forth in § 1.17(p); or

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While no representation is made that any of these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed list of references is disclosed so as to comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the references listed, together with any other references which may have been previously submitted or listed, are the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

☐ A legible copy of each listed U.S. Patent or publication (or relevant portion thereof) which was not previously submitted to, or cited by, the Patent Office is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

☐ A legible copy of each of the listed non-patent literature and foreign documents or their relevant portions is enclosed.

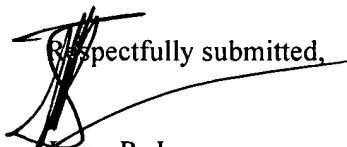
☒ Copies of cited U.S. patents and/or publications are NOT enclosed pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice, dated Aug. 5, 2003, waiving the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i).

☐ Copies of the references listed in the accompanying Form PTO-1449 are NOT enclosed because, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in application number _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

For all listed references that are not either in the English language, or accompanied by a translation into English, a concise explanation of relevance as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) is enclosed attached to each.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2005.


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	A2	4,786,199	11/22/88	Chen			
	A3	2,051,340	08/18/36	Lomas			
	A4	3,300,808	09/30/64	Karl			
	A5	4,447,169	05/08/84	Vartoughian			
	A6	4,726,386	02/23/88	Schultz			
	A7	103,640	05/31/1870	Merritt			
	A8	756,103	03/29/04	Doten			
	A9	825,448	07/10/06	Farron			
	A10	938,362	10/26/09	Anderson			
	A11	1,006,641	10/24/11	Fesler			
	A12	1,065,879	06/24/13	Krebs			
	A13	1,505,442	08/19/24	Stephens			
	A14	2,425,474	08/12/47	Hussey			
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	B2	5,246,302	09/21/93	Wey			
	B3	5,683,013	11/04/97	Morrison			
	B4	3,960,294	06/01/76	Bernard			
	B5	5,066,157	11/19/91	Liff			
	B6	5,570,966	11/05/96	Phelan			
	B7	5,154,523	11/13/92	Devreeze			
	B8	6,238,118	05/29/01	Tryon			
	B9	6,805,512	10/19/04	King			
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